(b) whether similar permission for boiler and turbines was also accorded and if so, what is the reaction of Government to such permission which adversely affected the BHEL ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. were allowed import of high speed steam drive system comprising of high pressure steam generation equipment with steam driven turbo alternator to supply auxiliary power to critical process equipment along with steam drive within the overall value of the capital goods licence without any additional cost after checking indigenous availability with the indigenous manufacturers.

Dadri-Malerkotla line

2577. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY by pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) at its meeting held on the 28th February, 1986 approved the construction of 400 kv Dadri-Malerkotla (Punjab) line to enable Punjab to draw its share of power from Central Singarauli Super Thermal Power Station.

(b) whether the construction of this line was also approved by CEA during its meeting with representatives of partner States of BMB, NREB and NTPC;

(c) if so, what factors are delaying the commissioning of the construction work;

(d) whether the NTPC are now seeking consensus to other States to share the cost of transmission system before consideration of the scheme for an investment decision;

(e) if so, was such a procedure adopted earlier when extensive 400 kv transmission system was planned by CEA for evacuation and distribution of power from Rihand Super Thermal Power Station; and

(f) by when the Dadri-Malerkotla line is likely to be constructed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (e) The request of the Punjab State Electricity Board for 400 KV Dadri-Malerkotla (Punjab) transmission line was considered in an Inter-Departmental meeting held in the CEA on 28-2-86, in which representatives of the Partner States of the Bhakra Beas Management Board and NTPC and the Northern Regional Electricity Board, participated. The proposal is now under process in the CEA for techno-economic clearance. The implementation of the line will be taken up after all the necessary clearances.

The originally approved Rihand Transmission Project did not include the above line. The NTPC has, therefore, taken up the matter with the beneficiary States in the Northern Region for their concurrence/acceptance of the proposal so that the transmission tariff could be settled and commercial agreements could be finalised. The NTPC are entering into such agreements for the distribution of power from all their projects.

(f) Subject to the techno-economic approval and other clearances, the Dadri-Malerkotla transmission line is likely to be completed by the end of Seventh Plan.

Profit and loss of the Coal India Ltd.

2578. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the figures regarding the profit and loss of the Coal India Limited during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : Losses suffered by

Coal India Limited during the last three years were as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

year	Losses suffered
1983-84	242.68
1984-85	78.03
1985-86	Accounts not yet finalised.

High prices of medicines

2579. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of large and medium scale drug units are marketing their products at very high prices after getting them manufactured from small scale units who are exempted under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what were the medicines introduced in the market under this arrangement from 1st November, 1985 to 31st October, 1986 alongwith the names of the products and the retail price of each; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (c) Instances of large and medium scale drug units marketing their products after getting them manufactured by small scale units who are exempted from seeking price approval for category III products under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 have come to the notice of the Government. Such units are free to make marketing arrangements with other units under the law. The entire scheme of price control is under examination of Government.

(b) This information is not readily available. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the results likely to be achieved will not be in commensurate with the time and efforts involved in the collection of this information.

Non compliance of DPCO

2580. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than four thousand drug companies whose sales turn over crossed the exempted limit as per DPCO, 1979 since last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of these companies have not taken price approval of their products and are charging their own prices which are very exorbitent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have not taken penal action against anyone, as per the order; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefore and what is the purpose of drug price control order ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No such details are available with the Government. As and when instance of any unit crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lacs in sales turnover come to the notice of the Government, such unit is issued a notice and is advised to seek price approval.

(b) to (d) In early 1985 instances of number of units having crossed the limit of Rs. 50 lacs in sales turn over came to the notice of the Government. Notices were issued to all such units and they were advised to seek price approval of their existing products. Following this advice a number of units have since taken the price approval.